

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (January- March 2010)

I.. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 01/07/10, 7pm, 30 min

The Mass. legislature is debating an education reform bill that could double the number of students in Boston's charter schools, authorize Boston Public Schools superintendent Carol Johnson to eliminate underperforming teachers and waive certain provisions in teacher union contracts.

Greater Boston, L 02/02/10, 7pm, 30 min

School officials in South Hadley have been criticized for being secretive in their response to the suicide of a 15-year-old girl. Phoebe Prince took her own life after being bullied. Angry parents want to know why students are not being held accountable.

Street Stops Here, L 03/31/10, 10pm, 90 min

This documentary follows legendary high school basketball coach Bob Hurley Sr. In his 36 years at St. Anthony High School, he's won 23 state titles, three national championships with 957 career wins. This film reveals the coach's life-long struggle to inspire and motivate those around him in order to keep the doors of a poor, inner-city Catholic school in Jersey City, New Jersey, open. This is also the story about the teenage athletes fighting their way out of the poverty and desolation that surrounds them, armed with little more than a basketball and the hard wisdom of a fierce, demanding coach. Hurley's unmatched success on the court is trumped only by his ability to get these vulnerable kids out of the projects and Jersey City. All but two of the hundreds of players he's coached went on to college.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 01/14/10, 7pm, 30 min

The opening of Legacy Place was hailed in Dedham. But the new mall is draining business away from Dedham Square.

Greater Boston, L 03/10/10, 7pm, 30 min

The MBTA's construction project in Copley Square has been in progress for years. The project has made the busy section of Boston an eyesore for neighborhood residents and a public safety hazard.

Greater Boston, L 03/25/10, 7pm, 30 min

In mid-February, President Obama announced \$8.33 billion in federal loan guarantees for a new two-reactor nuclear power plant in Burke, Georgia.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 02/03/10, 7pm, 30 min

The U.S. Coast Guard says it will allow liquefied natural gas shipments from Yemen into Boston Harbor. Local officials, including Boston Mayor Tom Menino, are concerned about the LNG

deliveries and have criticized the decision, especially after a terrorist trained in Yemen failed in a Christmas Day attempt to blow up a jet bound for Detroit.

Greater Boston, L 02/23/10, 7pm, 30 min

After the second shooting death of a store clerk, the city of Boston is cracking down on safety around convenience stores. City officials seeking to ease merchants' anxiety promised an around-the-clock investigation and the creation of a new safety awareness program.

Greater Boston, L 02/16/10, 7pm, 30 min

Law enforcement and reporters have been trying to piece together the past of Amy Bishop, professor at the University of Alabama who is accused of killing three of her colleagues. Bishop's troubled past has been traced back to Massachusetts where she fatally shot her brother in 1986.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, L 01/18/10, 7pm, 30 min

Tufts University professor Peniel Joseph discusses his new book *Dark Days, Bright Nights* about black power's role in shaping the civil rights movement.

Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One, L 02/23/10, 7:30pm, 30 min

Princeton University professor and frequent MSNBC commentator Melissa Harris-Lacewell joins María Hinojosa to discuss the state of African Americans in the Obama era. Winner of the W.E.B. DuBois book award for *Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought*, Harris-Lacewell teaches African-American studies and political science.

NOW on PBS, N 01/29/10, 8:30pm, 30min

Challenges in transportation, education, and quality health care contribute to Haiti having the highest maternal mortality rate in the Western Hemisphere, a national crisis even before the earthquake struck. While great strides are being made with global health issues like HIV/AIDS, maternal mortality figures worldwide have seen virtually no improvement in 20 years. Worldwide, over 500,000 women die each year during pregnancy. A NOW team that had been working in Haiti during the earthquake reports on this deadly but correctable trend.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 01/25/10, 7pm, 30 min

Business commentator Kris Frieswick discusses whether 10% unemployment is the new norm. Last week, the Massachusetts unemployment rate jumped to 9.4%.

Greater Boston, L 02/16/10, 7pm, 30 min

Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan now face a new battle - returning to the civilian workforce. Nationally, the unemployment rate is just under 10%, but for Iraq and Afghanistan vets the unemployment rate is 12.6%.

Greater Boston, L 03/08/10, 7pm, 30 min

Nearly 8 million jobs have been lost during the recession. A new bill in Congress is expected to create one million new jobs. Up In Your Business contributor Kris Frieswick reports how that would help Massachusetts unemployment and what sector of the workforce would benefit the most.

VI. Environment/Ecology

NOW on PBS, N 03/26/10, 8:30pm, 30 min

In the debate over energy resources, natural gas is often considered a "lesser-of-evils". While it does release some greenhouse gases, natural gas burns cleaner than coal and oil, and is in plentiful supply -- parts of the U.S. sit above some of the largest natural gas reserves on Earth. But a new boom in natural gas drilling, a process called "fracking", raises concerns about health and environmental risks. NOW talks with filmmaker Josh Fox about "Gasland", his Sundance award-winning documentary on the surprising consequences of natural gas drilling. Fox's film -- inspired when the gas company came to his hometown -- alleges chronic illness, animal-killing toxic waste, disastrous explosions, and regulatory missteps. Drilling down to the truth about natural gas. Next on NOW.

Bill Moyers Journal, N 03/19/10, 9pm, 60 min

Despite dire warnings for our endangered planet, Dr. Jane Goodall says all is not yet lost - we can change course, if we act now. And she should know. Her tough-minded optimism comes from her work as the world's foremost authority on chimpanzees. As a scientist and conservationist, she has produced landmark studies on the behavior of the chimpanzees in Tanzania's Gombe National Park that led to revolutionary insights into what it means to be human. Now, traveling 300 days a year, she has become a global advocate for all life, challenging everyone to see ourselves as caretakers of the planet. Her new book, *Hope for the Animals and Their World*, features the heroic work of men and women working across the globe to protect and preserve the Earth.

Nova, N 02/16/10, 8pm, 60 min

"Extreme Ice" - In collaboration with National Geographic, NOVA follows the exploits of acclaimed photojournalist James Balog and a scientific team as they deploy time-lapse cameras in risky, remote locations in the Arctic, Alaska, and the Alps. Grappling with blizzards, fickle technology, and climbs up craggy precipices, the team must anchor cameras capable of withstanding sub-zero temperatures and winds up to 170 mph. The goal of Balog's team's perilous expedition: to create a unique photo archive of melting glaciers that could provide a key to understanding their runaway behavior and their potential to drive rising sea levels.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 03/15/10, 7pm, 30 min

Dana Farber and Brigham and Women's Hospitals have created satellite cancer centers to bring their quality care to the suburbs.

Greater Boston, L 03/09/10, 7pm, 30 min

Jonathan Bush, President and CEO of athenahealth says his company helps over 15,000 doctors in 43 states reduce health care costs through automated billing and digitizing medical records.

Greater Boston, L 03/23/10, 9pm, 30 min

The new health care bill imposes a 2.3% excise tax on medical devices, beginning in 2013. It has been criticized by the medical device makers, including Boston Scientific, which argue the tax will add to health care costs and force companies to cut back on research and development.

VII. Economy/ Business

Greater Boston, L 02/08/10, 7pm, 30 min

Up In Your Business contributor Kris Frieswick looks at how the luxury market is faring in the down economy. While high-end shops like Tiffany, Saks and Nieman Marcus are seeing higher sales, the overall luxury market looks bleak.

Greater Boston, L 03/09/10, 7pm, 30 min

Boston Public Library President Amy Ryan says as many as 10 neighborhood branches may have to close because of budget cuts. News of the closures is upsetting Boston residents who say their branches have become even more important during tough economic times.

Frontline, N 01/26/10, 9pm, 60 min

"The Card Game" - As credit card companies face rising public anger, new regulation from Washington and a potential perfect storm of economic bad news, FRONTLINE correspondent Lowell Bergman examines the future of the massive consumer loan industry and its impact on a fragile national economy. In a joint project with the New York Times -- a follow-up to "Secret History of the Credit Card" -- Bergman and the Times talk to industry insiders, lobbyists, politicians and consumer advocates as they square off over new regulation and the possible creation of a consumer finance protection agency. How are the credit, debit and pre-paid card industries repositioning themselves to maintain high profits under the new rules? The stakes couldn't be higher as many fear the consumer loan industry could be at the center of the next crisis.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston L 01/14/10 7pm, 30 min

With the third largest Haitian population in the U.S., the City of Boston opened an emergency response center today to help residents reach family in Haiti.

Faces of America N 03/03/10 8pm, 60 min

"Know Thyself" - Episode Four takes up the search for the guests' ancestries where the historical record leaves off and links their distinctive family histories to the broader history of "the family of man." Combining the documented stories of some of the guests' last known ancestors with DNA evidence, the series travel backward through time to reveal both distant relatives and surprising shared ancestral connections. Elizabeth Alexander learns that she is a direct descendent of Charlemagne, and that her paternal roots are not only European, but Jewish. Meryl Streep and Mike Nichols discover that they are distant cousins, as do Yo-Yo Ma and Eva Longoria. Interwoven with these stories and others is the journey of the host, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. as he and his father and brother undertake an historic project to have their entire genomes mapped, and thereby to learn everything they possibly can about their own family. This episode offers a compelling and thought-provoking meditation on the importance of ancestry, the meaning of family and the role of both in creating identity.

Bombing of Germany: American Experience N 02/08/10 9pm, 60 min

On September 1, 1939 -- the first day of World War II in Europe -- President Franklin D. Roosevelt appealed to the warring nations to "under no circumstances undertake the bombardment from the air of civilian populations." Just six years later, British and American Allied forces had carried out a bombing campaign of unprecedented might over Germany's cities, claiming the lives of nearly half a million civilians. From International Emmy Award and Peabody Award-winning producer Zvi Dor-Ner (Israel's Next War, House of Saud) comes "The Bombing of Germany" is a film that examines the defining moments of the offensive that led the U.S. across a moral divide. Weaving together interviews with WWII pilots and historians, and archival footage of the bombing and its aftermath, the film is a reminder of the dilemma imposed by war's civilian casualties, a topic that continues to resonate as America enters the eighth year of fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.